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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent of: Thomas JELTSCH *et al.*)
Patent No. 6,893,055 B2)
Issued: May 17, 2005)
Application No.: 10/611,428)
Filed: July 2, 2003)
For: SNAP CONNECTION FOR)
CONNECTING TWO TUBES ENDS)

Certificate
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of Correction

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF A
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, and in consideration of the letter from the Certificate of Corrections Branch dated November 2, 2005, it is hereby requested that the inventors' names and citizenship be corrected on issued U.S. Patent No. 6,893,055 B2.

On October 4, 2005, a request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 in the above-identified patent was filed. Two (2) copies of PTO Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44 identifying errors on the face of the issued patent were enclosed. It was alleged that the errors in the patent occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly

disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent, and thus no fee was required.

Applicants allege and can clearly show that on February 11, 2004, Patentees filed a Supplemental Declaration in U.S. Application No. 10/611,428 to correct the names and citizenship of the inventors, which were inaccurately identified in the originally filed Declaration (submitted November 13, 2003). In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a) and M.P.E.P. § 603, Patentees respectfully assert that a later filed Supplemental Declaration supplants the information of the originally filed Declaration, and thus the Patent Office incorrectly used the originally filed Declaration to generate the title page information for the granted patent.

The November 2, 2005 letter from the Patent Office incorrectly asserts that Applicants' alleged error involves an omission of the inventors' names, and that the inventors' names were correctly printed in accordance with the original Declaration submitted on November 13, 2003. Contrary to the Patent Office's assertion, no inventor was omitted from any Declaration filed in this application. The errors at issue here have their genesis in typographical mistakes, wherein the first names and surnames of two of the inventors were switched, and the residence and citizenship of all three inventors were inaccurately recorded in the original Declaration submitted on November 13, 2003.

37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a) states that "(a) The Office may require, or inventors and applicants may submit, a supplemental oath or declaration meeting the requirements of § 1.63 or § 1.162 to correct any deficiencies or inaccuracies present in the earlier filed oath or declaration."

Applicants respectfully submit that the Supplemental Declaration filed on February 11, 2004 met

all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 and corrected the above-mentioned inaccuracies recorded in the November 13, 2003 Declaration. Thus, the Certificate of Correction should have been granted.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request careful reconsideration of our Request for a Certificate of Correction, and immediate issuance of same. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this request, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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